Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is alarming that Sinclair is choosing to serve its own interests versus that of the public. With large companies controlling the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It's just plain wrong and not acceptable.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. I feel it is imperative that the FCC tighten the license renewal process and put stronger safeguards in place to prevent further efforts by media companies to place their interests before that of the public.

Thank you.

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